

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A switching device for an electrical installation, comprising:

a housing having a height;

a terminal disposed on the housing; and

at least one shielding element formed as one-piece on the housing in a region proximate to the terminal and extending substantially over the entire height of the housing.

16. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 15, wherein the at least one shielding element is formed as an essentially flat plate or a rib.

17. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 15, wherein the at least one shielding element includes at least one reinforcing rib.

18. (Currently amended) The switching device of claim 15, comprising at least two spaced-apart terminals, each terminal having a clamping opening and shielding elements disposed about the corresponding clamping opening, wherein adjacent clamping opening are separated by at least two shielding elements having gap therebetween.

19. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 15, further comprising a terminal opening, wherein the at least one shielding element is disposed about the terminal opening essentially in parallel with the terminal opening.
20. (Currently amended) A switching device for an electrical installation, comprising:
a housing having a lateral exterior surface and a height;
a terminal disposed on the housing; and
at least one shielding element formed as one-piece on the housing in a region proximate to the terminal, said at least one shielding element moved away from the lateral exterior housing surfaces towards the inside of the housing by a distance that prevents the shielding elements from contacting shielding elements of another switching device placed adjacent to the switching device, thereby ~~recess or indentation disposed on at least one part of the housing or on at least one element formed on the housing for~~ lengthening a leakage path between adjacent switching devices.
21. (Currently amended) The switching device of claim 20, further comprising a ~~shielding element formed on the housing, wherein the~~ at least one recess or indentation ~~[[is]]~~ disposed on an exterior section of at least one shielding element.

22. (Currently amended) The switching device of claim ~~[[20]]~~ 21, wherein the at least one recess or indentation is disposed in a region of a terminal.
23. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 22, comprising two recesses or indentations and a fastening screw opening, wherein one of the recesses or indentations is disposed on an exterior section of the housing on one side of the fastening screw opening and another of the recesses or indentations is disposed on an exterior section on another side of the fastening screw opening.
24. (Currently amended) A switching device for an electrical installation, comprising:
- a housing;
 - at least one terminal disposed on the housing;
 - a movable case having a thread and a clamping support;
 - a fixed case surrounding the movable case and having a through-opening;
 - a clamping screw disposed on the fixed case and including a thread-free region with a tapered cross-section located next to the clamping screw head, said clamping screw intended for threaded engagement into the thread of the movable case through the through-opening disposed on the fixed case so as to urge a head of the clamping screw against the clamping support disposed on the movable case;
 - an adjustable clamping opening for cable ends or cable lugs formed

between the movable case and the fixed case, said clamping opening being adjustable with the clamping screw; and

~~means for completely unscrewing the clamping screw from the adjustable clamping opening~~

a platelet disposed on a side of the clamping support that faces away from the fixed case and oriented parallel to the clamping support, the platelet being prevented from rotating relative to the clamping support, the platelet having a through-opening for the clamping screw which includes at least portions of a thread, wherein the thickness of the platelet does not exceed a length of the thread-free region of the clamping screw.

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29. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 15, further comprising a fastening screw opening disposed on the terminals, wherein the shielding elements are disposed around the fastening screw opening essentially in parallel with the fastening screw opening.

30. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 15, wherein the switching device is a circuit breaker.

31. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 20, wherein the switching device is a circuit breaker.

32. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 24, wherein the switching device is a circuit breaker.
33. (New) The switching device of claim 21, wherein the at least one recess or indentation extend across substantially the entire height of the housing.